





**THIS WEEK**

Lotto draw 49/76  
Minimum total prize fund  
IL 2,500,000  
(including carryover)  
First prize  
IL 1,000,000  
All other prizes increased.  
TOMORROW is the last day  
for handling in Lotto entries.  
Subject to recertification.

**THE WEATHER**

Forecast: Fair with small rise in temperature.

	Yesterday's	Today's	Max
Jerusalem	15	17	18
Golan	20	18	19
Nahariya	20	18	19
Safed	10	12	13
Haifa Port	10	12	13
Tiberias	10	12	13
Nazareth	10	12	13
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Shomron	10	12	13
Tel Aviv	10	12	13
B-2 Airport	10	12	13
Jericho	10	12	13
Gaza	10	12	13
Ezraheba	10	12	13
Silat	10	12	13
Tiran Straits	10	12	13

**Social and Personal**

The following have been elected as the new council of the Jerusalem branch of the Journalists Association:

Yitzhak Alon (Israel Broadcasting) — chairman; Yehoshua Tadmor ("Davar") — deputy chairman; Abraham Benmehalech (Israel Broadcasting) — honorary secretary; Shlomo Ganan (Israel Broadcasting) — treasurer; Hersh Goodman (The Jerusalem Post) — chairman of professional committee; Amos Ben-Zvi ("Haaretz") — chairman of membership committee; Gideon Richter ("Yediot Aharanot") — chairman of cultural and Beit Agnon committee; Edmund Sabek (Israel Broadcasting) and David Landau (The Jerusalem Post) — council members.

**DEPARTURES**

Knesset Member Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, for Zurich, on his way to Madrid to represent the Labour Party at the conference of the Spanish Socialist Party (by J. Al.).

**El Al security officer jailed for theft**

An El Al security officer was sentenced to 10 months in jail by the Jerusalem District Court on Friday for stealing \$7,000 deposited by an El Al passenger in the company's safe in Amsterdam.

Avraham Shamai, 26, was tried in court and details of the case were released only after he was sentenced. Shamai admitted that after a passenger had asked to keep \$7,000 in El Al's safe in Amsterdam last July, he had opened the safe — to which he had the keys in his capacity as assistant to the chief security officer — and taken the money.

In the investigation that followed, Shamai confessed to the theft and was sent home for trial. The judge said that the crime called for a deterrent punishment and added a suspended 14-month sentence to the 10 months Shamai will spend in jail. (Him.)

**Canadian insurance firm may alter policy**

TEL AVIV. — The Manufacturers Life Insurance Company of Canada, which some years ago curtailed activities here in reviewing its policy, it was learned.

Two of the company's leading officials, R. B. Leckie, vice-president, and C. C. McLeod, assistant vice-president, are in the country studying the situation.

The company originally curtailed its activities, and did not accept any new policies, since it proved difficult to repatriate its profits to Canada. Now the company is looking about for local investments until the time that profits can be repatriated.

Our heartfelt condolences to  
**Habib Sibani**  
on the death of his  
**FATHER**  
Management and Staff  
Lime and Stone Production  
Company Ltd.

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of  
**Dr. SALO JONAS**  
The funeral will be held today, Sunday, December 5, 1976, at 3 p.m., in the old Netanya cemetery (Shechunat Ben-Zion)  
Wife, Cyla  
The Family in Israel and the U.S.A.

We are deeply grieved by the death of our friend and adviser for many years  
**Eng. Dr. ROBERT HOFF**  
Families: M. and J. Djerassi  
R. and J. Marcus  
M. Neuberger  
H. Stattman  
U. Weinberg

**Rabin tells Labour gathering: 'Israel has no designs on southern Lebanon'**

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin on Friday declared that Israel has no designs on any southern Lebanese territory. But he added that Israel could not remain indifferent to events to the north of its border.

Addressing a Labour Party luncheon at Beit Brenner, Rabin said Israel looked at events in south Lebanon only from the point of view of its own security. "We are not interested in a single centimetre of Lebanese territory," he said, stressing that Israel does not intervene in inter-Arab affairs.

However, Rabin added that there are two things Israel does not want in south Lebanon — the presence of the Syrian army, and that south Lebanon should become again "what it was in the past — a base for terrorist activities against us."

"Until those two things are assured — and I cannot guarantee they will be — we must watch events there with great care. But I do not think that either side should drive events to an unnecessary confrontation," he added.

The Prime Minister expressed hopes that the inauguration of U.S. President-elect Jimmy Carter would bring new moves toward peace "or at least an end to belligerency" in the Middle East. Israel, he said, would welcome the good offices of any country in helping to arrange direct talks between Israel and Arab officials on a Middle East solution.

However, Rabin added that the Arabs involved would have to be "authorized representatives" and not members of the terrorist PLO.

Answering a question on Israeli-U.S. relations, Rabin described reports of erosion in U.S. pro-Israel sentiment as "nonsense." Those relations were based on the American people's understanding of Israel's needs, and were not affected by changing circumstances, he said.

Both U.S. parties, he explained, had prided themselves during the recent election campaign on their friendship for Israel and their readiness to aid her.

He admitted there would be disputes in future with the U.S., but the basis of understanding was firm.

Rabin noted that Israel had received a yearly average of \$2b. in U.S. aid since the Yom Kippur War, as compared with \$300m. before the war. This included a yearly grant of \$1b., he continued — and the yearly net value of Israel's exports was only \$1.5b.

Asked to explain recent U.S. votes on anti-Israel resolutions in the UN, Rabin said, "One must be able to distinguish between the important and the irrelevant." He recalled that the U.S. had never in its Security Council speeches recognized the reunification of Jerusalem or Israel's right to settle in the territories. "Sometimes they express themselves in favour and sometimes against," he said. "We do what we have to do and that does not affect relations between the two states."

Rabin added that he greatly valued the UN for its work in many spheres. He singled out its operations in Sinai and on the Golan.

**Sharon says Israel too 'dependent' on the U.S.**

TEL AVIV. — The entry of the Syrian army into Lebanon — with 500 tanks and dozens of divisions — is one of the most striking signs of Israel's total and unhealthy dependence on the U.S., Arafat (res.) Ariel Sharon said on Friday.

Another sign, he said, was that Israel had not dared even to question the current massive U.S. arms sales to Saudi Arabia.

Speaking to the monthly lawyers' luncheon at Beit Hapraklit here, Sharon — who recently launched his Shomronim political movement — said the Syrians would never have ventured to enter Lebanon had not the U.S. assured them Israel would not intervene. "Worse than that," he said, the Government had not even dared to make its tacit consent conditional on some kind of return from the Syrians — in connection with the UN force on the Golan line or the release of Damascus Jewry.

Sharon added that the Syrian presence in Lebanon had now created a grave situation. He described as "unrelenting brain-washing" all talk of an Israeli "red line" south of Lebanon's Litani River. The Litani itself was no obstacle, he said, and Israel was not sitting on the south side of the river; "so what difficulty would the Syrians have in going across it to the Israel border?" he asked.

Sharon said Washington had now become the Arabs' biggest arms supplier. To enable themselves to launch wars and recover from them quickly even if defeated, the Arabs had amassed \$20b. worth of arms in the past three years — \$11b. of it from the U.S., he said.

He called on Israel to make an unceasing effort to slow down the arms race in the Middle East.

Sharon also called on the Government to make initiatives for peace — but for nothing that is less than a formal, unequivocal and contractual peace, with normal diplomatic relations. (Him.)

**Lipshutz named Carter counsel**

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Robert J. Lipshutz, a close adviser to President-elect Jimmy Carter who played an active role as liaison between the American Jewish leadership and the Carter campaign during the past year, is expected to be named White House counsel, informed sources here disclosed yesterday.

Lipshutz, an Atlanta lawyer, was originally reported to be reluctant to come to Washington. But sources said that he has reconsidered his position and is prepared to take a key position in the Carter White House.

As counsel to the President, Lipshutz will be free to raise all important issues of concern with Carter, including, of course, U.S. policy in the Middle East.

During the campaign Lipshutz served as the Carter organization's treasurer. He had previously supported Carter's two gubernatorial campaigns, and is included in the inner circle of close Carter aides. He has also been active in the leadership of the Atlanta Jewish community, and is well-known to American Jewish leaders.

A TEN-DAY exhibit of wall carvings and wall hangings done by Catherine Lichtman ended last night at 20A House in Tel Aviv. The exhibit included works in wool and cloth based on old American and American-Indian designs.

Deepest sympathies to Doris Frost on the passing of her  
**FATHER**  
Friends at Israel Discount Bank Ltd.

In deep sorrow we announce the death of our haver  
**JOHN CARVER**  
The funeral will take place today, Sunday, December 5, 1976 at 3.30 p.m. at the kibbutz cemetery.  
The family and Kibbutz Givat Haim — Ihud.

Our heartfelt condolences to  
to  
**EMANUEL (Mike) GRUSS AND FAMILY**  
on the death of the head of the family

**OSCAR GRUSS**  
who died in New York on Thursday, December 2, 1976.  
Arye Leef and Haskell Seligman and the staff of the Tel Aviv office of the Israel representatives of Oscar Gruss and Son

**TEL AVIV BACKGROUND REPORT**

TEL AVIV. — While there are no statistics on illegal gambling in the police yearbook, the activity certainly exists, and it frequently leads to violence. This came to light last week in the remand hearing of two Tel Aviv residents on suspicion of involvement in the murder of underworld figure Ezra "Tati" Shabtai and the disappearance of one of his associates, Ya'acov Avraham.

A police investigator told the court that one of the suspects, Yehzekiel Aslan, was connected with Shabtai through the latter's operation of gambling clubs, and a dispute arose between the two when Aslan's brother-in-law lost large sums of money at cards at this club.

Later Aslan bombed the club, according to the police investigator, and was incensed when he then heard that Ezra had opened another gambling club.

The club that "Tati" was running was like one of some 30 or so other illegal gambling clubs in the Tel Aviv area, according to police estimates. In some cases, the club may be someone's apartment. In Tati's case, the club was a hut in the Hatikva Quarter.

The activity, police sources say, is pretty much the same everywhere — poker, dice, or a game called dmi-mali. The sums lost and won vary greatly. In the Tati case, Aslan allegedly lost around IL30,000. One police source tells of hearing about someone losing a half million pounds. But this is probably the exception rather than the rule.

Every so often the police raid a club, arresting the owner and the players. But like massage parlours and gambling clubs, the owners know that they'll be charged only in a year or so. And besides, another offence on top of several others apparently doesn't make much difference. In the meantime, they have to make money.

Many who frequent these clubs are unemployed, and the chances are better than when they are known to the police for thieving, drugs, or dealing in stolen property. Like Tati, many may have served time in prison.

**Expert assails U.S. arms supply policy**

By WOLF BLITZER  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The U.S. Air Force's former top Middle East intelligence analyst describes the presumptions currently underlying American arms supply policy in the Middle East as "manifestly false."

Addressing the Jewish War Veterans of America last night, Dr. Joseph Churba criticized the "prevailing wisdom" in the U.S. Government that Israel has managed to retain an "indefinite qualitative superiority over its (Arab) neighbours."

The implication of this "false argument," he said, was that Israel does not really "need additional weaponry."

(Churba recently made news here when he took the extraordinary step of assailing Gen. George Brown, Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, for describing Israel as an American military burden. Because of Churba's public statements, he was stripped of his special security clearances, and he, therefore, resigned.)

Ironically, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin seems to have weakened Israel's case somewhat by telling the Labour Party's Central Committee in Tel Aviv last Thursday that American commitments assured Israel of qualitative superiority over the Arabs during the next five- or ten-year period. Rabin's remarks were published in Friday's "New York Times," and were closely analyzed in the Pentagon.

Some Israeli sources fear that the Rabin statement will provide the Pentagon and other elements in the U.S. Government with argument to cut Israel's \$1.5b. request for military grants to \$1b. — something the Prime Minister clearly did not intend to do.

**Hamburg Mayor to visit here**

The Mayor of Hamburg, Hans Ulrich Klose, will arrive in Israel for an official visit on December 12. Klose will meet with former Prime Minister Golda Meir, Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek and Tel Aviv Mayor Shlomo Lahat.

**The ugly world of gambling**

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN

But there are honest people as well from all levels of society. The games are generally honest. But Fakad Haim Ben Dor of the vice squad says that in one game his men broke up, attached to the bottom of a dice table was a strong magnet. When it was propitiously to do so, the fellow running the place would throw his loaded dice.

Ben Dor says that the owner begged him not to tell about the incident. If it had got around that he had been running a crooked game, he would have had his throat slit.

For the most, however, the problem is not crooked games but competition between clubs. One club owner may try to steal the trade from another. The second owner may decide to "settle accounts" by blowing up his competitor's club. If the quarrel is bitter enough, and possibly intertwined with differences on other matters, such as drugs, the individuals involved could possibly end up like "Tati" wrapped in a sack, dropped in a well, and three bullets in his chest.

**KIMHI INDICTED FOR IL5,600 BRIBE**

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Meir Kimhi has been charged with receiving a bribe of IL5,600 while he was acting as a consultant to Kipat Holim. The charge sheet, which was filed on Friday in the Tel Aviv District Court, is the first to be filed against any of the figures in the Yadin affair.

Kimhi has been in detention the past 80 days and throughout this period he has refused to cooperate with his interrogators from the fraud squad. He has been held under medical treatment at Kaplan Hospital in Rehovot.

Today Kimhi will be brought before the Magistrate's Court where he will probably be released on bail. No date has yet been set for the trial.

The charge sheet against Kimhi claims that he received a bribe from Yigal Levanon, the general manager of the Yuvai insurance company. The purpose of the alleged IL5,600 bribe was to have Kimhi pay a bribe to Kipat Holim to Yuvai. According to the policy, Kipat Holim, for insuring its workers, was to pay Yuvai IL280,000 for 1973, IL240,000 for 1974, and IL280,000 for 1975.

Despite several warnings from Levanon, the payments from Kipat Holim were slow. Finally, according to the charge sheet, in September 1974, Kimhi expressed his willingness to speed up the payments. Levanon would pay IL5,600 to a carpenter, Shmuel

**VANCE**

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pointment, convinced that the experienced diplomat would retain America's support for Israel.

"Vance is fully in accord with Carter in opposition to the Arab economic boycott against Israel and in opposition to the massive U.S. arms sales policy to certain Arab states," one source close to the Carter organization said.

Vance did publicly come out against the sale of Pershing ground-to-ground missiles to Israel earlier this year. He was co-chairman of a prestigious study group analyzing U.S. arms sales to foreign countries.

In a report sponsored by the United Nations Association of the United States of America (UNA-USA), Vance and nearly two dozen other leading foreign policy thinkers here recommended that the U.S. declare a moratorium "on the transfer of weapons with city-busting capabilities, such as strategic bombers and surface-to-surface missiles," to Third World and Middle Eastern countries.

"The United States should approach the Soviet Union regarding a freeze on the shipment of very advanced arms to the Arab states and Israel," the report said. "The objective would be to maintain a military balance with the minimum influx of advanced weapon systems."

"The United States and the Soviet Union should agree to consult with each other before undertaking a major shipment of arms to the Middle East. This system would involve prior notification and consultation, but would not give either country a veto power over the actions of the other."

In introducing Vance at the Plains, Georgia, press conference, Carter said that he had received "almost unanimous recommendations from around the country, and in some instances in foreign countries," that he should ask Israel, the Soviet Union, several of the Arab states and the Arab allies had been sounded out on the Vance appointment, according to sources here.

At the press conference, Vance was asked two questions on the Middle East, but he did not want to detail his replies. (See Page Two)

**Ways to fight inflation**

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for a 1.7 per cent tax on all financial assets and bonds, but not approved saving projects.

People earning more than IL180,000 a year should pay a higher tax than they do now, it suggested.

The Labour Federation protested the Cabinet's decision to reduce, by 1 per cent, the interest it pays on bonds sold to pension funds and approved saving programmes. It was pointed out that the proposed cut was tantamount to a 15 per cent cut in payments to members of a pension fund.

Rabinowitz said the Government's efforts should centre on narrowing the gap in the balance of payments. This means lowering the standard of living, curbing consumption, increasing exports and cutting imports, he said.

After the meeting, Meisel told reporters the difference between the Government and Histadrut stems from the fact the Government wants to cut payments to stop the inflationary spiral, while the labour federation feared that unless workers are compensated adequately, the price rises, their demands will undermine the existing wage contracts.

Though the Secretary-General did not say so explicitly, he brought to mind the recent wave of strikes, sanctions and threatened strikes in the public service sector, partly caused by the Government's decision to cut subsidies to basic commodities by 20 per cent.

The parties decided that the sub-committees on curbing inflation (headed by Minister of Commerce and Industry Haim Bar Lev) and the committee on labour relations (headed by Labour Minister Moshe Barami) begin work immediately. The Histadrut thus reversed its decision, taken two days earlier, to suspend participation in three committees.

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**Sanctions lifted in Haifa Port**

By YA'ACOV ARDON  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Cargo ships were being lifted yesterday after the removal of sanctions imposed last year on the port pilots and the separate labour disputes — but the port pilots and the Authority and between the owners and the Marine Officers Union. Both disputes centre negotiations for 1976-77 wage increments.

Four ships had been held in the pilots' refusal to guide them out of the harbour. The pilots called their sanctions after now the Port Authority appealed to the Marine Officers Union to the Middle East. The pilots belong, and agreed to start negotiations immediately a new labour contract "in a of understanding and goodwill" the pilots.

However, the union said it gauge the amount of goodwill out of the harbour. The union decided not to guide large ships and out of the harbour because agreement with the Transport Ministry expired in April and negotiations "had been dragging."

Ships held up by the pilots' actions included two American ships and two ships waiting in the bay to pick up citrus.

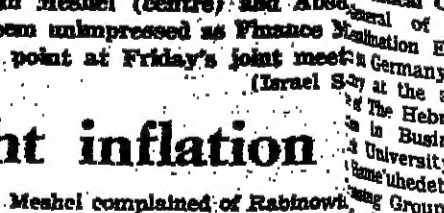
The shipowners and Marine Officers Union settled their dispute at a meeting on Friday night, agreeing to work out a new contract within three months. The date of the union to restore a reasonable differential between the pay of officers and seamen will be included in the new contract. The union's new contract, which had been delayed nearly a year from sailing with their cargo, was in the cause of the union's sanctions. The union's new contract, which had been delayed nearly a year from sailing with their cargo, was in the cause of the union's sanctions.

**Four more cholera cases in Gaza**

Another four cases of cholera, have been discovered by the authorities in the Gaza Strip, spokesman for the Military Government announced on Friday.

The spokesman said that two of the new cases are women, aged 35 and 40, and two are children, aged three and 12. All the new victims were hospitalized and are doing well.

Cholera cases discovered in Gaza the last 11 months.



Histadrut Secretary-General Yehoshua Meisel (centre) and Abba Eban Minister Shimon Peres (left) seen in discussion at Friday's joint meeting of the Cabinet and the Histadrut.

**TODAY'S POSTBA**  
A LONG SCHOOL day will be rule for pupils at elementary schools this year. In an Education Ministry poll, 75 per cent of parents whose children had a day last year said they were pleased with the project. 54 per cent of the children did not stay on at school and 50 per cent of the teachers thought project was good.

728,000 TOURISTS visited Israel the last 12 months — 31 per cent more than the same period last year, the spokesman of the Central Bureau of Statistics and Tourism Ministry announced on Friday.

**To The Horse Lover**  
who called me on Wednesday morning — Many thanks from you! We found the two names on the Haniya/Haifa road.

Claude Oliveira

**Johanna Propper**



## PERES ON BBC OPPOSES OVERALL SETTLEMENT Negotiations first with Syria, then Egypt'

MARK SEGAL

As Peres Correspondent

Defence Minister Peres said that "while Arafat offers us peace without real peace, he is not ready for trade or diplomatic relations, as it is hard for Israel to pay the price for an arrangement that is not really peace." He reiterated Israel's refusal to accept the PLO's presence at Geneva, noting that as long as the PLO charter remains unchanged in its aim of destroying Israel, there was nothing to talk about.

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Correspondent Wolf Blitzer re-

ports from Washington:

Defence Minister Peres comes to Washington on December 12-13 for arms talks with U.S. Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and other American officials. The talks will reportedly cover Israel's request for F-16 fighter bombers, advanced electronic counter-measures and the four items approved by President Ford for supply to Israel during the final weeks of the presidential campaign.

President-elect Carter has said that he will not meet with representatives of foreign countries during the current transition period. But Peres will see some Carter aides. A meeting with former Defence Secretary James Schlesinger has already been set.

Originally, Peres had wanted to see Carter during the transition period, just as former Defence Minister Moshe Dayan had met with

the then President-elect Richard

Nixon in December 1968.

Ostensibly, Peres is coming to address United Jewish Appeal and Israel Bonds gatherings. He is scheduled to arrive in New York shortly.

Informal sources here said that it was unlikely that Peres would receive a final response from the outgoing Ford Administration regarding Israel's long-standing request for co-production rights in the F-16, which Israel is counting on as the mainstay of its air force in the 1980s. This is a decision that will have to be left for the Carter White House, the sources said.

Regarding the items approved by Ford near the end of the campaign, Peres will seek to determine when they will be delivered to Israel. President Ford has said that it could take some time because two of the items have not yet even been introduced in the U.S. arsenal.

## Idmann believes M-E 'closer than ever'

Dr. Nahum Goldmann

of the World Jewish

Congress said on Friday

that the Middle East crisis

is the closest it has been

since the creation

of the state.

He said he got the

impression from the

speeches of the

Arab leaders, and last

night's dinner launching the

sign of the Joint Is-

bringing about a settlement.

The 84-year-old Goldmann said the conference — the first international Jewish meeting to be held in Spain since the Jews were expelled in 1492 — would deal with the situation of Jews in the Soviet Union, as well as the Middle East question.

About 70 delegates from European countries — including Yugoslavia and Rumania — are attending, as are 25 delegates from Spain's Jewish communities and observers from Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland and East Germany.

He said the conference was being held in Madrid at the invitation of Spain's 12,000-strong Jewish community. He will see King Juan Carlos for a courtesy call tomorrow.

## Jewish woman brings sons 'home' through Good Fence

YOEL DAB

Jerusalem Post Reporter

— A Jewish woman,

Israel, and four of her

sons, came to the

Good Fence last

night, and after a

few days' stay, the

woman, close to 50, had

the rabbinical court

judgment that she

children, all circum-

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Judaic law.

The woman, who

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## BIG-TIME BUILDER

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Ltd. with its annual turnover of about \$145m. is one of the more important factors on the Israeli building scene today. Best known as builders for the "common man," the company specializes in housing for young couples, new immigrants, and senior citizens.

The two brothers, Aharon and Avraham, after whom the company is named, started their office in a modest building on Leventon Street, in the heart of Tel Aviv's business section. Perhaps the modesty of the head office appointments may be connected with the humble beginnings of the brothers who immigrated from Poland in 1923.

Their start in the building trade began with Aharon being employed as a building worker and carrying bricks to the third floor of a house being built in Tel Aviv. The wages then were quite good for skilled labourers. Avraham, who began as a shutter installer, in 1935 was able to earn a \$1 a day, a princely sum in those days.

The company's activities are generally in the suburbs of major cities. Sometimes it is involved in luxury building such as the Hadar Wexman project with its three tower buildings.

Another exception is the new project on land adjoining the Tel Aviv WIZO center. This will consist of 120 apartments built on the highest standards.

In 1968, just prior to the recession, they originated the first major construction programme aimed at young couples.

The company's policy has been to build about 80% for the public sector such as Shikun Ovdin during periods of prosperity; with the balance for the private sector. In times of recession the ratio is exactly reversed.

After the Six Day War, at the government's request, they built parts of Ramat Hashikma and the French Hill projects in Jerusalem. They continue to build in outlying areas such as Kiryat Gat and Kiryat Malachi and are connected with the building programmes of the Ministry of Housing.

Building for the government does not imply governmental subsidies or land giveaways. The only advantage being the availability of mortgage funds which are government directed and backed. However, in the Jerusalem area and in the territories the company has received land when working on government-connected projects.

## 'Revamp civil service wage structure'

By DAVID KRIVINE

Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent

A high-level public committee should be appointed straightaway to revamp the entire wage structure of the civil service, Ephraim Yermans, the Treasury official in charge of wage policy, suggested in an interview with The Jerusalem Post on Friday.

This should be followed by the creation of a standing National Wage Council to review all wage claims in the public sector and to lay down guidelines for the negotiators. The above proposal, Yermans said, should be seen as a form of voluntary arbitration — an idea which has already been adopted in principle by the Histadrut.

The wage escalation which is taking place in the public service reached a peak in the doctors' wage settlement concluded last week, Yermans said. But he stressed that the increase is entirely confined to allowances for night work in hospitals.

What the staff men have gained is the equivalent of four days' pay per shift (extending from 4 p.m.

to 12 noon on the next day), instead of 3.2 days' pay as heretofore; but with the rates — last fixed in 1974 — updated to accord with the current price index.

Practitioners in the clinics gain no benefit from this, he pointed out. They are limited to the minor grade adjustments that were introduced in the civil service at large. Nevertheless the new contract means an average rise in gross monthly pay of \$12,000-\$3,000 a month for those affected. This is likely to influence the wage claims of associated and other employment groups, Yermans predicted.

He puts the blame on the lack of any authoritative frame of reference. Wages are determined by the only standard there is — the application of brute force. Yermans quotes from the Barak committee's report, which says: "Those occupation groups which are situated in positions of power (enabling them to shut down economic activity or impair the population's daily routine), and which are ready to apply that power" (italics in the Barak report) have managed to extract terms beyond those available to

Meet Aliza Argad, at 17 said to be the youngest recruit in the Israel Defence Forces. Aliza, who is a member of a Nahal military-agricultural settlement unit, steps off a bus last week upon arrival at her basic training camp. (Shahav)

## Yadin will guide tourists

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK — American archaeology buffs have been told their scheduled Israel escort will be with them later this month despite the pressure of political business.

Prof. Yigael Yadin will take leave from the administration of his newly-formed Democratic Movement to lead a party of 45 on one-day tours of Masada and Hazor, according to tour operator Carol Green. "I assume the scheduling, fixed months ago, remains unchanged," Green told The Jerusalem Post. "I have heard nothing to the contrary since Prof. Yadin announced the formation of his party last month."

Mrs. Green is president of Archaeological Tours of Israel, a division of a local travel agency.

Other sectors in the public service. Even when the Government tried to oppose such claims, it mostly gave up in the end, and agreed to provide the requested wage benefits.

Mr. Yermans, who has been handling salary issues in the civil service since 1970, alleges that no country allows unrestrained wage bargaining in the Government sector as Israel does.

"He concludes that a set of standards must be fixed once and for all, determining precisely what wage levels ought to be in the Government service. When that is done, a board of experts with unimpeachable credentials should vet every wage bid in the light of those standards, and recommend a fair solution."

Their recommendations would not be binding. But they would put an end to the present vacuum, where nobody knows what is right and what is wrong. "If the board's decisions had the support of the public — as I think they would — most of the strikes affecting the administration would not take place," Yermans believes.

## Libya's \$415m. investment won't affect Fiat's ties with Israel

By LISA PALMER-BILLING

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

ROME — Fiat President Gianni Agnelli said on Thursday that his relations with Israel would not be affected by Libya's \$415m. investment in the giant automobile company.

"Politics have nothing to do with this deal," he said when asked at a press conference if the investment by oil-rich Libya in the Jewish-owned firm would have consequences in relations with Israel. "These gentlemen consider themselves as pure investors," he pointed out.

There seemed to be no reason to

doubt Agnelli's sincerity in view of a comparable situation in 1973 when Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi tried to force Agnelli to fire the Jewish editor of a newspaper owned by the Agnelli family. Despite Gaddafi's threats to boycott Fiat, the Jewish newsmen continued to be editor of "La Stampa."

The Agnelli family, moreover, has a close record in relations with the Jews and Israel. Gianni Agnelli's daughter is married to the son of the ex-president of the Jewish community in Paris, and when his mother was kidnapped in Turin over a year ago, the Agnelli helped put up the ransom. Gianni's sister,

Susanna Agnelli, a writer, and senator of the Italian Republican Party, participated a year ago in a panel on Soviet Jewry.

The immediate reactions of amazement at the amount of money involved in the deal — plus reservations concerning the intentions of the firm's new partners — were coupled with criticism of Agnelli for having acted on his own. A few Italian ministers have, however, admitted to being informed a few days prior to the announcement.

A decision of such wide-reaching national consequences should not have been kept secret, political leaders felt. The Left, including Socialists and Communists, said that the most upsetting aspect was that private investments of such proportions could take place outside the framework of government planning or control. Some observers believe that because of the importance of the transaction for Italy's economy, a chance exists that this may have been a first step towards eventual government takeover of Fiat. All agree that economically, the country has all to gain from the deal.

Italy's business dealings with Libya have been stepped up of late. There is intensive economic co-operation between the two countries and national and private Italian industries have many subsidiaries in Libya.

However, as several political leaders stated, "many questions still remain to be answered." Above all, they ask, what will Libya really receive in return for boosting Italy's economy by what amounts to one-fifth of the national deficit? Fiat tanks, perhaps? What else?

Libyans will soon occupy one of the top five executive positions and two of the 15 seats on Fiat's board of directors. Also unanswered is what their relations will be with other executives and members of the board.

## Parties to be consulted on date for WZO congress

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — All the parties represented in the World Zionist Organization will be consulted about the date of the next Zionist congress. This was the decision of the Jewish Agency's Board of Governors, Yosef Almogi, chairman of the Zionist Executive, said on his return here Friday after the board's meeting in London.

Almogi said there was a consensus that the Zionist Congress should be convened in the summer of 1977, but he said the board's decision was not enough, and all the WZO parties involved should be consulted about the date. Almogi added that the governors had endorsed the Zionist Executive's decision to accept the recommendations of the Horav report (which recommends the abolition of the Absorption Ministry).

An "Itim" reporter reminded Almogi of his statement made soon after assuming his post that the time had come to stop directing the Jewish Agency from an aircraft.

Why then, the reporter asked, had Almogi agreed to attend the Governors' meeting in London and not in Israel, as he had originally demanded? Almogi replied that the board's regulations stipulated that one in three meetings should be held abroad, and he did not think the time was ripe "to wage a battle" over the issue.

As was expected before the board's meeting, the governors also decided to look for a new director-general to replace Moshe Rivlin. Almogi was empowered by the Board to nominate a candidate, or candidates, to be considered for the job at the board's next meeting. (Itim)

Almogi to explain why Galilee plans went awry

The office of Jewish Agency Executive chairman Yosef Almogi is preparing answers to the Agency comptroller, who wrote in his unpublished annual report that Ilizim, had been invested in a Western Galilee presswood plant instead of Ilizim, as originally planned.

The Lohot Hagall factory in Moshav Goren, in which the Agency was an investor, was supposed to have provided many jobs for moshav residents in the area, but only 45 people are currently employed there.

Another factory, Malmim — which provides the formica veneer for the Lohot Hagall pressed wood — was to have been built close to the Lohot plant. It was, however, put up instead at Pardes Hanna, far to the south, at an investment of \$1.4m. The original plans for Lohot Hagall had sited it in the Eilat Valley, but it was transferred to Western Galilee after intervention by the late Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir.

Comptroller Meir Ben-Zion Meiri sent his report to Almogi, Agency Treasurer Arye Dulzin, and Michael Sacher and Max Fisher of the Board of Governors. Almogi's response to the report must then be sent back to Meiri, Dulzin, Sacher and Fisher. The matter will eventually be discussed by the Board of Governors.

Out shopping for Hanukka toy gifts

WE ARE OUT SHOPPING this morning for the Jerusalem Post Toy Fund gifts that must be out before Hanukka.

But we are still complaining about the malls. Somewhere there is a hold up, and we wish we could pinpoint it. We want to be fair when we complain, and we really do not know whether it is bad weather, combined with the heavy Christmas mail in most countries. Maybe some place else there are sanctions too. But we do feel that somewhere there are slower-uppers — little grumblers that have gotten into the works.

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## THE FREE CENTER Nathan Berkman

Member of the Free Center's Political Committee general of the Company for Action Engineering in Israel in Germany, age 45. Brought to Israel at the age of 16. Founder of The Hebrew University, 1954. Member of the Business Administration, University, 1958. Member of the Histadrut Executive, and of the Industrial Department, Hamerkaz, 1960. Warden of Mission to the United Nations Israel Consulate, New York, 1958/9. Married, father of 4.



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## Carter Secretary of State known as administrator, not as innovator

WASHINGTON. — Cyrus Roberts Vance, adds Secretary of State to his list of government jobs, but nowhere in his biography is the title that suits him best: Troubles-shooter.

One thing is sure. A world used to the flamboyance of Henry Kissinger will find him radically different in manner and appearance.

Vance, now 59, impressed Lyndon Johnson in the 1950s and rose through the Kennedy and Johnson administrations from general counsel of the Defense Department, to Secretary of the Army, to deputy Secretary of Defense.

He was known as a good administrator, never an innovator. One man who worked for Vance called him an echo, another a messenger boy.

But he made his reputation filling the hot assignments. He represented then-President Johnson in the Dominican Republic crisis of 1965, then in the Panama Canal Zone disturbances, the Greek-Turkish disputes over Cyprus, the Detroit riots, a Korean crisis, the burning and looting in Washington following the assassination of Martin Luther King in 1968, and finally as the No. 2 negotiator at the Vietnam peace talks in Paris.

As the No. 2 man in the Defense Department in 1967, Vance defended the Vietnam war saying, "I believe that we are engaged in a just battle."



Cyrus R. Vance: different in manner and appearance from predecessor. (UPI telephoto)

And after the summer 1967 race riots in Detroit, he wrote a report that called for using troops to gather advance information in American cities where the possibility of racial strife existed.

Vance and Kissinger couldn't be more different.

Kissinger, a German-Jewish refugee, pulled himself up by his bootstraps. He is short, portly and often ruffled.

Vance went to private schools, graduated from Yale. He is a

six-footer and dresses impeccably, like an English gentleman.

Both men are extremely articulate — but unlike Kissinger, Vance rarely uses slang terms. He speaks more directly than Kissinger, who is full of double convolutions.

Vance is reserved, understated and uses a lawyer's care when he discusses specific diplomatic problems.

Kissinger relishes the surprise. The revelation that he had made a dozen secret trips to negotiate with the North Vietnamese; his first trip to Peking, the glamour of shuttle diplomacy, with a circus of reporters aboard his plane.

President-elect Jimmy Carter has said that he will be in charge of his own foreign policy, a role that would seem to fit the spear-carrier stance for which Vance is noted among those who worked for him. If that happens, power would flow back to the President's national security adviser, as it was when Kissinger had that job under Richard Nixon.

He is known as a guy who carried out instructions to the wall," said a Defense Department source. "He functioned that way under (Defense Secretary Robert) McNamara, who was a strong guy in his own right."

Vance's strength is as an administrator. Averell Harriman, who headed the Johnson administration delegation to the Paris peace talks, was an old-timer chosen for his reputation rather than his capacity to perform all the laborious mechanical tasks that were Vance's job.

Vance has been co-sponsor of several different foreign policy reports, including a recent one on disarmament in which he disagreed with any unilateral withdrawal of tactical nuclear weapons from Europe.

Vance was born in Clarksburg, West Virginia. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1946 on destroyers in the Atlantic and the Pacific, leaving the service as a lieutenant.

He became a partner in a New York law firm, leaving in 1957 to help set up an inquiry by a Senate committee into military and space programs. Johnson, then Senate Democratic leader, was in charge of the hearings and persuaded Vance to stay on as executive counsel.

After John F. Kennedy was elected, the president's talent scouts asked Vance if he wanted a job in the Defense Department. Vance voiced a preference for Secretary of the Navy because he'd served in it in World War II. But McNamara turned him down for lack of administrative experience, and made him general counsel instead.

He became Secretary of the Army in 1962 and two years later Johnson elevated him to the Defense Department's second-ranking civilian job.

But Vance had a painful back injury, aggravated when he hurt his knee while examining a flat tire on his car. The pain was so bad at one point, that he worked in his office lying on a bed.

When Johnson sent him to the Detroit riots, Mrs. Vance went along because he needed someone to tie his shoes. "While she was there, Mrs. Vance went to a Salvation Army relief center unannounced and volunteered for work. She folded blankets and sweaters and guided homeless riot victims." (AP)



The controversial \$94m. B-1 bomber, planned to be the mainstay of the U.S. airborne nuclear deterrent. (AP radiophoto)

## B-1 production ordered despite Carter stand

By GEORGE WILSON

WASHINGTON. — The Ford administration ordered the B-1 bomber into production on Thursday despite President-elect Jimmy Carter's expressed opposition to taking the step at this time.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said that after consulting President Gerald Ford "we have concluded" that it is in the national interest to sign a contract with Rockwell International to produce the bomber. Under the Air Force plan, Rockwell would build 244 of the four-engine, supersonic bombers for \$22,900m. — \$94m. a plane if the cost does not rise above current estimates.

Jody Powell, Carter's press secretary, quoted the President-elect as saying he felt the move was "completely consistent" with the Ford administration's previous position. He noted that Carter will ultimately make the final decision on production of the bomber and said Carter plans a "thorough review" before making a decision.

Air Force Secretary Thomas Reed said at a Pentagon press conference

on Thursday that the production contract has limited funding to \$87m, a month from now until June 1977 in order to satisfy Congress and to give Carter time to review the programme before B-1 spending gets any higher.

The Air Force Secretary said, "The basic reason" for building the B-1 is that "there is every indication that the Soviets are driving for strategic superiority by the early 1980s. The B-1 is the strategic initiative that can address that imbalance."

Although the U.S. still has B-52 bombers that could drop hydrogen bombs on Russia, Reed said those planes cannot last much longer and should be replaced with the B-1. "By 1982," he said, "when the B-1 is operational, the average age of our B-52s will be about 25 years."

The B-1 takes off faster than the B-52, giving it a better chance of escaping destruction on the ground in a surprise missile attack, flies faster, is smaller and carries electronic systems that would be harder to jam than those inside the B-52.

## Assembly considering renewed Geneva talks

UNITED NATIONS. — Jordan urged Israel and other Middle East countries on Friday to "unshackle" themselves from the past and meet in Geneva for a peace conference. Echoing a theme struck by Egyptian and Syrian speeches on Thursday, Ambassador Husein Nuweibeh of Jordan told the General Assembly that the Arabs were presenting "a genuine option for the attainment of real peace" in the Middle East.

"Two avenues are open to the Israelis — real peace or a struggle lasting generations," he said, on the second day of the UN debate on the Middle East.

He appealed to the Israelis to accept an Egyptian resolution calling for the reconvening of the Geneva talks on the initiative of the UN Secretary-General.

It asks the Secretary-General to resume contacts with all governments involved in the conflict and report the results to the Security Council by March 1, six weeks after President-elect Jimmy Carter takes office.

An American official said the resolution "appears extremely mild and acceptable." But he said he wanted to reserve judgment as to how the U.S. will vote pending consultations with Washington.

Israel's response appears to depend on the role the Palestine Liberation Organization would play in future negotiations.

The resolution does not specify that the PLO must take part in the Geneva conference, but the Israelis say they "don't like" a preambular paragraph that refers to a PLO role in the preliminary consultations.

Egypt on Thursday also called on Israel to end its "obstruction tactics and procrastination." Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog then declared: "For our part, the Geneva conference of December, 1973, can be reconvened tomorrow. What purpose therefore, I ask you, is there in all this fruitless barren debate?"

Herzog also complained that the UN was wasting millions of dollars in repeated debates on the Middle East question.

The "loss" of concentrating attacks on Israel for half of the Assembly session cost about \$30m, he said.

He said the Government of Israel had recently said once again it was ready for the U.S. and the Soviet Union to reconvene the Geneva Conference "as originally con-

## Police sweep nets 300 blacks near Cape Town

CAPE TOWN. — South African riot police on Friday rounded up 177 blacks as they continued an intensive sweep in the African townships of Guguletu and Nyanga to flush out suspected arsonists, riot organizers and petty criminals.

This brings to over 300 the number of blacks arrested since a special police task force went into the townships at first light on Thursday.

The operation follows three days of rioting earlier last week, during which two blacks were shot dead. A police spokesman said that

those arrested on Friday would be facing a wide variety of charges ranging from possession of cannabis and stolen goods to offences related to the riots.

There has been no rioting in the townships since Wednesday night and a police spokesman said: "It seems we are on the right track."

In Grabouw, a small white town southeast of here, police said four coloured (mixed race) men threw two petrol bombs at the offices of a bus company. They escaped by car. Only one bomb exploded, causing slight damage.

## France to sell Libya more planes

PARIS. — France plans to sell 15 Transall military transport planes to Libya in a new oil-for-arms deal, aircraft industry officials said on Friday.

Libya, which has already bought more than 150 Mirage jet fighters, bombers and other French equipment, is expected to pay in oil supplies, they said.

France had decided to reopen its Transall aircraft assembly line earlier this year to meet Egyptian air force demands and other export markets.

The Transall, jointly manufactured by France and West Germany, is designed to carry 100 troops with full kit. (Reuters)

## Dayan can't view Ramses II mummy

CAIRO. — The French government has refused Moshe Dayan permission to visit the mummy of the Egyptian Pharaoh Ramses II, the newspaper "Al-Ahram el-Yom" reported yesterday.

The paper said the French refusal was at the request of the

Egyptian embassy in Paris. It did not say when Dayan had made the request.

The 3,200-year-old mummy was flown to Paris last October for treatment after showing signs of decomposition in the stomach cavity and legs. (Reuters)

## THE ISRAEL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

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GIDEON STEINER, ALON BOR, YOEL LEVY, DEBORAH SCHWARTZ — percussion  
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Programme:  
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Series 4: Sunday, 19.12.76  
Series 5: Monday, 20.12.76  
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Schumann: Cello Concerto  
Folia: 3 Dances from "The Three Coloured Hat"  
Debussy: "La Mer"  
JERUSALEM  
Binyanei Ba'oma, 8.30 p.m.  
Monday, 13.12.76

## Troops restore order in Chinese province

HONGKONG. — More than 12,000 troops in China's troubled Fukien province have restored order in the province where supporters of the "gang of four," led by Mao's widow, Chiang Ching, had created "turmoil," Hongkong's two major Chinese Communist newspapers reported yesterday.

The newspapers, quoting an official New China News Agency dispatch from Fochow, Fukien's provincial capital, said that the troops, with the cooperation of civilians, "swept aside the sabotage activities of the gang of four like fallen leaves."

The dispatch dated Friday said "historical victory rallies" were held all over the province in Southeast China across the Formosa Strait from Taiwan.

Signs emerged yesterday of a major shakeup in Peking's foreign service following the sackings of Foreign Minister Chiao Kuan-hua and his replacement by China's envoy to the UN, Huang Hua. The dismissed foreign minister is understood to have been under attack for some time for apparently being influenced by the purged "gang of four." However, there were no public accusations made against him.

There were indications that the future of other ministers also could

be in doubt. Diplomatic sources reported that at least seven more Chinese ambassadors had been recalled or had already arrived in Peking.

Sources cautioned against interpreting this to mean there would be immediate foreign policy changes — they expect China's foreign policy line to remain the same — but they had no doubt a major departmental reshuffle is under way.

The ambassadors affected, in addition to the envoy at the UN, are those accredited to Japan, Iraq, Sierra Leone, West Germany, Guinea, Italy and Turkey.

Of the ministers whose posts could be in doubt, Sport Minister Chuang Tsueing, a former table tennis champion, has been criticized for alleged radical connections. Diplomats also believe the Minister of Public Health, Madame Liu Hsiang-ping, is in political difficulties.

The appointment of Huang as foreign minister "will simply be exchanging one experienced man for another," one senior analyst said. Huang's special asset is that he has been spearheading China's diplomatic drive in America over the last five years. Peking-Washington ties are likely to remain of paramount importance for the foreseeable future. (Reuters, AP)

## China's new FM cordial to Herzog

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — China's new Foreign Minister, Huang Hua, who assumes his post after five years as his country's ambassador at the UN, was the only member of the Chinese delegation at the world body who publicly greeted Israel's envoy Chaim Herzog.

The new foreign minister regu-

larly spoke with Herzog in the UN corridors and at diplomatic receptions. Other Chinese diplomats at the UN steadfastly avoided any contact with Israeli representatives.

Herzog told The Post that Huang is a "very nice person, highly intelligent and extremely able." Huang never walked out of the UN when Herzog spoke, always listening very attentively.

## Wall Street Week

## Moderate drop for market

NEW YORK. — A barrage of news on unemployment, inflation and U.S. President-elect Carter's plans for dealing with them left the stock market moderately lower this past week.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks was 6.01 points lower at 950.55 when it was over its wavering during the week reflected the Market's indecisiveness about the economy and the new president.

There was little visible reaction on Wall Street to the announcement on Friday that unemployment jumped to 8.1 per cent and wholesale prices rose .6 per cent last month. Analysts said the figures confirmed what many already suspected about the economy, and they made some action to spur the

economy by Carter more likely. And Carter said in a Friday afternoon news conference that some kind of stimulus now seemed likely after he took office, but he said he had not decided on its form.

The New York Stock Exchange's composite index of all its listed common stocks fell .13 over the week to 55.20, and Standard and Poor's 500-stock composite index fell .39 to 102.78.

Volume on the NYSE averaged 20.74m. shares a day, just above the 18.86m. daily average a week earlier.

The most active Big Board issue was Occidental Petroleum, up 1/2 at 21 1/2.

At the American Stock Exchange, the market value index fell 37 to 100.15. (AP)

## UN denies quake aid goes to wealthy Turks, army

ANKARA. — United Nations relief officials and Turkish provincial authorities yesterday denied reports that emergency supplies were being sent to wealthy Turks fighting to gain a share of the earthquake aid in eastern Turkey.

A UN official said, after a visit to the disaster area that in comparison with similar relief efforts in various parts of the world, "the over-all picture is better than average." Everyone has some sort of shelter, said the official from the office of the UN disaster relief coordinator.

Officials said they had seen no evidence to support foreign press allegations that the army was siphoning off much of the supplies for itself. An international airlift has brought a stream of supplies since the quake killed more than 5,000 people and left 50,000 homeless 11 days ago.

The London "Daily Express" reported yesterday that warm winter tents intended for the victims have been diverted for the use of the military and friends of politicians. The newspaper report also said greed and corruption were robbing the victims of desperately needed food and medicine.

The "Express" story was by reporter Harry Dempster, who visited the village of Chastirion in the centre of the devastated region of eastern Turkey. BBC television broadcast a similar report.

Dempster said that at the relief distribution point in Chastirion, he saw "hundreds of tired, cold, shivering, bedraggled Turks fighting to gain a share of the earthquake aid in eastern Turkey."

Soldiers blocked them from the supplies but helped to load those of some smartly-dressed Arabs. Turks with food and tents, he said.

(Reuters)

Call me Emperor

NDJAMENA, Chad. — The Central African Republic has been renamed already. The Central African Empire and now government of Bedel Bokassa, already President Bokassa for life, has been named its 1st world emperor, the government radio reported threat to substantial war.

The official Voice of the Central African Revolution station said the Emperor Bokassa will be a parliamentary monarchy and a decision, the 55-year-old Bokassa, a former French army soldier and admiral, Napoleon and Charles de Gaulle will be known as Emperor Bokassa. Bokassa, father of 21 children, was the general of the country's only party in addition he heads the ministry of Justice, Defence, Interior, Civil Service and Social Security.

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## SOCCER/Paul Kohn

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Tel Aviv teams continued their dominance in the National Soccer League yesterday, with Beersheba and Hapoel Tel Aviv both securing convincing victories.

Beersheba defeated Hapoel Tel Aviv 2-0 in a match that was a defensive battle. Hapoel Tel Aviv's goalkeeper, Arye Haviv, made several key saves to keep the score from being higher.

Hapoel Tel Aviv also won 2-0 against Hapoel Be'er Sheva. The match was a tactical one, with Hapoel Tel Aviv's defense holding firm against the visitors.

The results leave Beersheba and Hapoel Tel Aviv at the top of the league table, both with 10 points.

## RUGBY/Jack Leon

## Hagen, Technion win openers

The Technion and Hagen teams both achieved a victory in their respective matches yesterday, marking the start of the new season.

Technion won 15-10 against Hapoel Be'er Sheva. The match was a tactical one, with Technion's defense holding firm against the visitors.

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Yahud goalkeeper Arye Haviv dives for the ball during action in second half of yesterday's football match in the Capital. Haviv was judged to have interfered with Jerusalem Hapoel striker Avraham Ben David, and the Jerusalem team was awarded a penalty kick, which resulted in its only goal. The teams drew 1-1.

## MATCH OF THE WEEK/Yaron Kanan

## Sloppy game on sloppy pitch

The sun shone brightly on Jerusalem's Katamon ground yesterday, and there was plenty of promise from the pace of the first quarter hour of action as the local Hapoel met the Yahud side. The promise was not to be fulfilled again until the last quarter, when Jerusalem went ahead through a penalty. Even then, the excitement was generated more by some dubious refereeing than the quality of football.

But, at the outset, both sides drove straight into high gear. Within minutes each keeper was at full stretch. Yahud's Arye Haviv cut out a low cross from Abush, and Fozanski splendidly peddled away a stinging left foot shot from Yahud's other Haviv, Shlomo.

Contrary to expectations, the visitors from the small town outside Tel Aviv were anything but defensive in their approach. An un-

## Jerusalem Hapoel 1, Yahud Hapoel 1

usually uncohesive Jerusalem defence was often strained to near breaking point.

Yahud must sport the biggest team in the league, and high Jerusalem balls into the centre presented little problem for their defence, impressively built around ex-international Zvi Rosen.

Gradually, the ground conditions got the better of any commitment. This was compounded by the fact that Yahud began to cut the tempo and beat themselves on keeping an intact scoreline. The home crowd was notably intolerant of the Jerusalem failure and began to sympathize with the underdog visitors.

Ironically, just then fullback Merrill let fly and the ball rocketed into the top of the net. To the chagrin of the Jerusalem players one of their number was adjudged offside and the goal disallowed. This disappointment spurred them to life, but their finishing was wasteful. Eli Levi struck the bar with a great drive and Ben David, the chief culprit, missed the easiest of chances to slide the rebound home.

The second period began with similar flourish. This time the spirit petered out after barely 10 minutes. Dugash, a minnow among his basketball-size Yahud colleagues, showed some delicate touches. He wove a cute pattern down the right with Sasson which forced Jerusalem into conceding a pair of corners. It was at the other end, however, that there was excitement. Jerusalem unsuccessfully appealed two penalties, but frankly that looked the most likely way that they would get on the scoreboard.

For long periods 21 men were unopposed in Yahud territory. With 20 minutes left the frustration began to mount. Eli Levi sent a searching long ball down the middle. Ben David set after the area. Haviv preferred to grapple him with both arms than to confront the shot. Ben inclined Haviv to the right, then sent the ball to the left to handsomely convert the spot kick.

The equaliser was dubious, at best. With Jerusalem confidently whittling the time away, Haviv made Fozanski come on show as a midair trapeze artist. Strangely, Haviv, who had been Yahud's most industrious front line agent, was pulled off and replaced by Stepak. It proved a fortunate change. A minute later, Yehiel nodded onto the bar and the referee said it out; or over the line, before Fozanski could gather it in.

Although the contest was a dull one, it would be difficult to fault the players too harshly. Conditions at the Katamon ground were poor, perhaps not even suitable for a neighbourhood kick-out. Mayor Kollek's insistence on a new stadium clearly was supported by the eyesore condition of the field.

## BASKETBALL/Steve Kaplan

Fiba ruling on forfeits  
has Europe buzzing

The decision this past week by the International Basketball Federation (Fiba) to allow the Russians and Czechs off with only forfeits to Tel Aviv Maccabi for refusing to play in Israel has the European basketball community buzzing.

The forfeits mean Tel Aviv Maccabi starts the final round with four points. They also mean the awarding of two "defeat" points to the East Europeans. All this has left the other teams grumbling because the final standings may be decided by the difference of baskets in the aggregate scores.

Officially, a forfeited game has the final result of 2-0. If the two East European teams had come to Israel there is the possibility they would have lost by more than the two point forfeit margin. Even if they had overcome the deficit in the return game, the forfeit would effect the final tabulation.

The teams from Italy, Spain, and Belgium are beginning to think that it may not be worthwhile to travel to Moscow to lose by a large margin when they may accept a 2-0 forfeit defeat.

At first glance, this may seem to be a ludicrous move, but it may bring the issue to a head. From any perspective, the East Europeans' decision not to come to Israel is an unacceptable one. Fiba's decision to work out a compromise has left many people dissatisfied, most deeming the "punishment" as too light.

Two years ago under similar circumstances the Russians were given a two-year suspension from Fiba.

The East Europeans' refusal to come is a disappointment to Israeli fans but should not mar an exciting winter of international basketball. January and February are filled with games involving some of Europe's best teams.

Real Madrid has appeared in the finals of the champions' cup ten times and has won the crown five times. They bring with them virtually the same team which easily conquered Tel Aviv Maccabi last year and barely lost in the final game.

Reigning champions Mobilitorgi (formerly Ignis) of Varese, Italy is another one of Europe's perennially strong teams, having made it to the finals seven times and taking the title two years running.

In the European Cup, Tel Aviv Maccabi will meet Mobilitorgi at home on January 13; Maas Pils of Belgium away on January 20; Real Madrid at home on January 27; Zurbriowka (Brno) at Antwerp on February 15; Ceka of Moscow at Antwerp on February 17; Mobilitorgi away on March 3; Maas Pils away on March 10; and Real Madrid away on March 24.

In the Korac Cup, Tel Aviv Hapoel will meet Sarajevo at home on January 11; Elco, Bologna away on January 18; Sarajevo away on February 3; and Elco, Bologna at home on February 15. Ramat Gan Hapoel will meet Caen away on January 11; IEP Rome at home on January 18; Caen at home on February 8; and IEP Rome away on February 15.

## BOWLS/Jack Leon

## Rimon rolls into first place

TEL AVIV. — Rimon yesterday upset Savoyon "B" 28-10 to change places with the Savoyon foursome at the top of the men's section of the new Israel Bowls League.

However, there was no change in the women's division, with Savoyon "A" edging out Ramat Gan "B" 21-17 to keep its No. 1 position and remain the only team in either section to have won all its matches so far.

Rimon is skipped by Harry Frankel. Edith Silbermann skips Savoyon "A".

In astonishing contrast to the stormy conditions which prevailed at last weekend's matches, yesterday's fourth round of fixtures was played in summer-like sunshine on the greens at Ramat Gan, Savoyon and Caesarea.

In the closest contest of the round, Haifa's men defeated Caesarea's 21-20, with the very last wood. Other results in the men's section were: Ramat Gan "A" 16-Kiron 21; Savoyon "A" 14-Tel Aviv "B" 30; Ramat Gan "B" 13-Tel Aviv "A" 15.

Among the women, Ramat Gan Hapoel will meet Caesarea 26-20, to hold onto its second place behind Savoyon "A", while Savoyon "B" overwhelmed Tel Aviv 31-10. Kiron did not have a game.

TWO YOUNG golfers, Barry Mandel, 19, and Laurie Ben, 23, will represent Israel in the World Cup competition at Palm Springs, California, starting on Thursday. Professional and amateur golfers from 40 countries will compete in the annual event.

CAESAREA golf. Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter CAESAREA. — Leon Eting of Savoyon won the monthly medal competition here with a round of 69, edging out Ramiel Sofer of Or Akiva, who also returned a 69 score, but with an inferior back nine. Ted Kennedy of Zehala won the "B" division with a 69, with Sy Alpert of Netanya second best with 73.

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## Rabin facing his party

PRIME MINISTER Rabin's report to the Labour Party Central Committee on Thursday would seem to signal his determination to assert a more active role in party affairs as he opens his own campaign for re-nomination as Labour's standard bearer. It is no secret that Mr. Rabin has neglected his role as party leader. It is equally obvious that he will not be able to evade the need to assert this role for much longer. The Labour Party and the broader Alignment enter the election year clearly troubled by the unsure prospects of winning in next November's election under his leadership.

Mr. Rabin's strategy (as he himself told columnist Joseph Kraft) in countering these doubts will be to come to the electorate with a breakthrough on the issue of relations with the Arabs, in an attempted repetition of the Alignment's "Geneva Peace Talks" strategy of December 1973. The thrust of this strategy will be to disarm the critics of his administration's lackluster performance in domestic affairs by emphasizing Mr. Rabin's prospects of making such a seminal breakthrough towards an attenuation of Arab belligerency, and eventually to peace.

Certainly it is difficult today to envision the lines of such a dramatic turn of events with any clarity. This is all the more true as such a breakthrough is at least as dependent on the Arabs, the new Carter Administration in the U.S., and possibly on the Soviet Union, as it is on Israel.

But Mr. Rabin has a much more urgent problem: obtaining a vote of confidence from his own party at its February convention. It would seem reasonable to expect Mr. Rabin to seek the support of the more dovish elements in Labour — who have little to seek from the direction of Mr. Rabin's main challenger, Defence Minister Shimon Peres — with this peace strategy. It is unreasonable to believe, however, that such a peace strategy can be fleshed out with even a modicum of credibility as early as February.

Therefore Mr. Rabin will be unable to rely exclusively on the foreign policy argument in order to obtain a resounding vote of confidence from the many wavering in his own party in February. Consequently he will have to attack the issue of his leadership and of the qualifications of the team which he will seek to lead into the elections.

There is growing anxiety in the Labour Party that the present Rabin Cabinet may not be sufficiently attractive to the electorate to weather the challenges from the Opposition and from the new groups forming in the centre. The Rabin Cabinet, however, is Mr. Rabin's name only. It is, rather, a reflection of the various forces within the fragmented Labour Party of three years ago, which led to Mr. Rabin's installation as Prime Minister but denied him the role of unchallenged party leader.

The paradox is that in order to field a more attractive team, Mr. Rabin must first obtain his party's clear vote of confidence. But to gain that approval he must also first present an image of changed and more vigorous leadership.

## Over-spending as a norm

WHEN David Ben-Gurion was Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive in the 1930's — so the story goes — he was given a one-way ship ticket to the U.S., where he was going on an important mission for the State-in-the-making, and expected to raise money on his own to finance his return.

Evoking this memory of a simpler yesteryear is not simply a matter of nostalgia: it provides an interesting vantage point from which to assess the mass exodus of the Jerusalem members of the Jewish Agency Executive for a meeting in London. It would be fatuous to deny that the world has changed in the intervening 40 years: jet planes have replaced ships, which has contributed to the shrinking of the world; the value of money, the concept of public service, and ideas on what constitutes a representative standard of living have changed beyond recognition. Above all, the volume and contents of the public trough from which officials of the Jewish people permit themselves to feed freely, have grown astronomically.

Harping on unconfirmed but undoubted reports of \$70 per diem in addition to domiciling at the most expensive London hostels would be petty were it not for the unfortunate effect of these reports on public morale. Israel is a small, intimate society frequently inflamed by waves of intense social jealousy. There is thus a straight line from seemingly innocent examples of personal profligacy at extremely visible public levels to irresistible demands by larger groups — the physicians' last week, to mention only one — for "more" under no less innocent guises.

It is in this direction that Mr. Rabinowitz should seek for the causes that have turned his incomes policy into a shambles. The fact that the Jewish Agency, in response to newspaper requests, has declined to release figures on the travels and travel budgets of its members, would seem to point to a silent admission of being remiss in its practices.

# Too little, too late

OUR CAPACITY for being taken by surprise seems to be almost unlimited. Consider only the last few weeks: We were surprised by the outcome of the Riyadh conference and we were surprised by the sudden Sadat-Assad reconciliation. The lesson of 1973 about the dangers of unmitigated "conceptions" has either not been learned or already been forgotten. This time it was the assumption of continuing inter-Arab rift, on which the Government had quite frankly based its major political conceptions.

Next we were surprised (and declared officially "disappointed" by the U.S. vote in favour of the Security Council resolution condemning Israeli policies in the administered territories. Of course, only someone who had expected the U.S. government's post-election stands to be the same as pre-election declarations could be "disappointed".

Now, once more, we have been taken by surprise by the Sadat peace

offensive. It had apparently been taken for granted that Sadat would conveniently wait with such a move until we had time to establish close relations with the Carter administration and until the Israeli elections were closer upon us, so as to make American pressure more difficult (though not impossible: beware of another popular "conception"). It was not very sporting of Sadat thus to interfere with our most cherished tradition of recent years: the policy of "gaining time."

The immediate response by Government spokesmen was to declare the Arab peace offensive as no more than a "tactical move." Maybe. But if so, it must be admitted that it was certainly a brilliant one, with immediate success for the Egyptian president, both on the public relations level and in achieving strong tactical advantages and a superior manoeuvring position. Only later, when our own leaders realised that once more they had been caught with their pants down, was the tone

changed a little. Now it was said, that though it still seems that the whole thing is no more than a diplomatic stunt, we are quite willing "to put it to the test."

TOO LITTLE and too late. For the real question is not whether this is a hoax which should be exposed as such, but rather why we should always limp behind moves made by others. Even the genuine and correct public demand for a "counter-offensive" indicates that it is the other side that holds the initiative, while we are just reacting in a political battle imposed on us much against our will.

As if there were no vital Israeli interest in progress towards a settlement of the conflict, and as if the majority of Israelis would not be perfectly willing to make solid territorial concessions for the sake of peace.

This, indeed, is the major shortcoming of Israeli diplomacy in recent years: We seem to regard any

change in the status quo as some kind of bitter medicine, which has to be rammed down our throats. Occasionally (like now) it is the Arab side that forces us to react; mostly it is the U.S. that administers the cure.

When we do sign an interim agreement, it is made to appear not as our independent decision in view of our own zeal for progress towards any — even if only partial — understanding with our neighbours, but rather because American "re-assessment" has left us no choice.

Even the proposal for a "non-belligerency" agreement, which Government spokesmen like to present as the particular Israeli contribution to peace diplomacy, was made half-heartedly with loudly articulated reservations. It looked not at all like a bold Israeli initiative, but simply like a response to American pressure.

Moreover, our foreign policy makers kept on playing the same tune over and over again, even though it had only the faintest possibility of being heard.

Israel must take more initiative in seeking peace. Our credibility is weakened when we insist on nothing less than a full-scale peace, writes ASHER MANIV.

### VIEWPOINT

## Democracy — or defeat

If the Labour Party does not introduce internal democracy it cannot hope for victory in the next elections.

BY ITS ACTIONS in the next few months, the Labour Party has a chance to improve one of Yigael Yadin's most damaging charges: the weakness of its internal democracy.

It is imperative that Prime Minister Rabin insist on the complete democratization of his party. There should be no further postponement of the election to the party convention and of the convention itself. In the interim, all branches should hold regular meetings at which members can express their opinions and guide their delegates.

Some of the new district secretaries of the party have been meeting to present vociferous demands for more internal democracy. They should start at home. The party's Jerusalem district council, for example, which is convened from time to time to hear lectures by cabinet ministers, should be enabled to express its views and pass resolutions on the issues to be decided at the convention.

The convention preparatory committee should draft proposals, to be submitted at the beginning of the proceedings, for the democratic election of the party's governing bodies and its candidates for the Knesset, the Histadrut, the Zionist Organization, and the local

authorities. There must be an end to the system whereby a nomination committee presents lists of candidates to be ratified en bloc.

Admittedly, this is an extremely difficult task in a large, complex body like the Labour Party, but it could be done along such lines as the following:

The entire body of delegates should elect by secret ballot, on an individual basis, a national leadership of 10 to 15 persons; the nominations for this body could be submitted in advance of the convention. The results of this stage of the elections would have obvious implications for the question of who is to be regarded as the leader of the party and its candidate for the premiership.

In any case, one of the most important services Yitzhak Rabin can perform for his party is to drop his claims to automatic re-nomination and announce his readiness to take his chances in a fair and open contest with all comers. Democracy in the party must go from the bottom to the very top.

The elected national leadership, together with regional or section leaders, would form the national executive (now known as the Hahkta). The central council (mo'etzah) would be elected in a series of secret ballot



Labour Party leaders at Central Committee meeting in 1975. Prime Minister Rabin leans forward. Others, from right, are Beba Idelson, Abba Eban, Golda Meir, Israel Galili, and Yitzhak Navon.

Israel Sun votes: one-fifth on an individual basis by all the delegates, and representatives of each region, in proportion to their size, by the delegates from the region. In each of these votes, a number of places could be reserved for women members and young people.

The Knesset list could be determined on similar principles. The first 10 places could be filled by a secret ballot of all the members of the democratically elected central council. The next 30 "safe" seats could be allocated to the regions and sections (including women, youth, and trade union "cells"), but in each case the candidates to fill the places would be elected by the democratically elected representatives of the region or section concerned (has has partly been the case). The runners-up in these votes would fill the remaining places along the same lines.

These matters are not simply "technical." With the departure of the charismatic founders' generation, the party has lost its centre of authority, and the frameworks which built no longer command the loyalty of the members or the confidence of the general public.

There must be a new start — and that is possible, not by the manipulation of functions and bosses, old or new, but only by a completely democratic process that will enable the membership to determine the party's policies and elect its leaders.

Such a revitalized party may yet be able to convince the electorate next November that it is still fit to lead the country, despite the old and new challenges that it will have to face. The next three months may decide whether this is still possible, or whether the half-century of Labour leadership is coming to an end.

### READERS' LETTERS

#### Jews in Administered Areas

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — U.S. Ambassador Malcolm Toon, in addressing the B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League conference in Jerusalem on November 19, indicated that Israel's establishment of new settlements in the "occupied areas" increases the "distrust and thus hinders U.S. peace mediation efforts between the Arab countries and Israel."

It is difficult to understand the rationale behind this assertion. There are close on half a million Arabs living in Israel proper and their number continues to increase at a much faster pace than that of the Jewish population. Suppose that in exchange for a final, permanent peace treaty Israel agreed to retreat from the presently administered territories; at the most, there will remain a few thousand Jewish settlers in these areas. Why should they constitute a danger to the future peaceful relations between Israel and the neighbouring Arab state? Why should the West Bank and the Gaza Strip remain permanently Jewish?

REUBEN EFFRON  
Jerusalem

#### THE ENGLISH MAFIA NO. 2

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — We would like to take this opportunity to thank wholeheartedly all those who responded so graciously to our request for English literature. It is nice to know that there are people behind us who are contributing time, effort and expense to help make our army service more pleasant and to keep us in touch with the international scene.

JACK FISHER  
The English Mafia No. 2  
Somewhere in Israel.

#### CREeping EXPANSIONISM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — On November 17, you reported without comment the handing over to civilian rule of Nahal Na'aran, north of Jericho, yet another new settlement in the administered (i.e. post-1967) areas. Such an event now seems to be accepted as a normal routine occurrence; in fact, it is another step towards future conflict.

There is one inevitable condition of a real peace settlement in the Middle East, namely a trading of territory. But come the day, what will there be to trade? Who will then dare to suggest (from within Israel) that some, or even all, of the new settlements be abandoned for the sake of peace?

The world must assume, if the present administration is to be credited with any degree of logical purpose, that (a) the areas being settled are now considered a permanent part of Israel and (b) they are part of a strategic defence of an enlarged Israel; in other words, that Israel is actively pursuing a policy of creeping expansionism, ostensibly for strategic reasons (according to Ailon and others), but in fact because a weak government is incapable of using living to resist pressures from within.

If Israel is to retain any credibility as a seeker of true peace, it must stop further settlements in the administered areas now.

RICHARD BIRD  
Jerusalem.

#### PENFRIEND

EBENEZER BEN CHENISIL (18). c/o J.K. Agrey, Box 288, Takoradi, Ghana, would like to correspond with Israelis between the ages of 15 and 21. His hobbies are athletics, music and tape recording.

Jerusalem.

### POSTSCRIPTS

PREMIER YITZHAK RABIN'S contribution to the Socialist International in Geneva took the wind out of President Anwar Sadat's sails, according to echoes reaching Jerusalem from Western Europe and North America.

Rabin's paper on the theme of "After Helsinki — What?" touched a sensitive chord among the Socialist leadership of Western Europe especially because it portrayed the Middle East issues in terms closer to home, say observers in Jerusalem. He stole the media coverage and his thesis is still providing positive comment in London, Paris and Bonn, whereas Sadat's "peace propaganda initiatives" with visitors to Cairo are already forgotten, observers claim.

Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky and Willy Brandt, the new chairman of the Socialist International, accepted Rabin's invitation to attend the Israel Labour Party's convention, currently scheduled for the end of February. With their acceptance, the idea of attending the convention may snowball and other Socialists in and out of office may well accept too. Portuguese Premier Mario Soares also accepted an invitation to visit Israel around the same date, after making Rabin's acquaintance.

The Socialist International is about the only international body in which Israel is not being harassed on the Palestine issue, observers noted. Rabin's performance at Geneva

may or may not raise his credit at home, but on the international scene it gave him a significant push, it seems.

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